IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In the Matter of:

Application Serial No.:

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Applicant:

Swiss Herbal Institute, LLC

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(DE Limited Liability Corporation)

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Trademark:

DUROMAX

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPPOSITION

Commissioner of Trademarks 2900 Crystal Drive Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513

Attention: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

SIR:

Novartis AG, a corporation of Switzerland located and doing business at Lichstrasse 35, 4056 CH, Basel, Switzerland, believing that it would be damaged by the registration of the trademark DUROMAX, in International Class 5, by its undersigned attorney, respectfully requests that an extension of time of thirty (30) days, up to and including October 20, 2001, to file a notice of opposition to the above-idendified application.

This request is made in good faith and not for the purpose of unnecessary delay. The additional time is needed to complete an investigation of the facts and consult

with management.

Respectfully submitted,

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